

## **Communities of Opportunity Initiative**

Community Progress Report

January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Due: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

**Name of Community: Burke County**

**Local Champion:**

**Date:**

<b>Co-Op Strategies</b>	<b>List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)</b>	<b>Action Items Completed for Each Strategy</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter</b>
Business Engagement	Increasing communication & relationships between business & educators	Continuing to Work towards Work Ready Community Certification	n/a	Hope to receive certification
Business Engagement	Increasing communication & relationships between business & educators	Working extensively with local educators, BOE & ATC to implement training programs for upcoming jobs at Plant Vogtle expansion	n/a	Hope to implement
Improving Workforce	Increasing quality of workforce through preventions of drug use, gang activity & teen pregnancy	Burke Community Partnership has begun Parent Empowerment program to encourage more parental involvement in teen's lives	n/a	Continue on this effort
Improving Workforce	Increasing quality of workforce through preventions of drug use, gang activity & teen pregnancy	BOE received grant to implement Early Head Start program, to reach 6 weeks to 3 year old children, in hopes to better prepare them when they enter school, eventually producing a more educated and better prepared worker upon graduation	n/a	Program will begin in Fall 2010
Improving Workforce	Increasing quality of workforce through preventions of drug use, gang activity & teen pregnancy	City has put together steering committee to work towards bringing a Boys & Girls Club to our community	n/a	Continue in the planning stage until able to apply for CDBG grant in April 2011